

There seems little doubt in Hoyne's mind that there are certain policemen who are involved with known crooks. He has already declared that the detective bureau is rotten.

And Hoyne believes that before ten days have passed he will astound the city with the result of the grand jury inquiry.

Ald. Merriam, chairman of the council crime committee, says all the investigators employed by the committee will go before the grand jury and the civil service commission and tell their story.

State's Attorney Hoyne is keeping an ace in the hole in connection with the feud between Barney Bertsche and Sergeant Bill Egan. Yesterday the prosecutor had his first real talk with Bertsche. And he will not make public all Barney told him.

But whatever it was the wounded ex-political boss disclosed to him it was sufficient to plunge Hoyne into a mass of work this morning, work that may result in some startling charges.

Hoyne is keeping silent. Because, as he says, to talk now would be only giving the police a chance to frame up a defense.

There is still the search for the gunman who fired the first two shots going on. Hoyne expects to get this man. He now has detectives on his trail.

Bertsche gave his side of the shooting to Hoyne yesterday.

"I talked to Bertsche this forenoon and his version of the shooting supports my theory," said Hoyne. "If an outsider shot Bertsche he does not know it. He says there were at least two shots fired before he fell.

"Bertsche asserts there was a scuffle, then the sound of two or three shots, and he and Egan went down. The thing that made the impression on him was the sound of the shots rather than a feeling of pain. It was not until they were on the pavement that Bertsche noticed blood trickling

down his side. Then and not until then did he draw his revolver.

"His version of the shooting was that Egan or some unknown person behind him fired the first shots that struck him.

"When the firing began Egan was in front of him. He used the detective as a shield against Monahan's bullets."

"What shots Bertsche says he aimed at the latter were fired over Egan's shoulder.

"Then he intentionally dropped to the sidewalk and brought 'Big Bill' with him.

"Bertsche said that at 12 o'clock on the day of the shooting, while leaving the Quincy No. 9 restaurant at Randolph and LaSalle streets, he first saw Egan, who was accompanied by two strangers.

"He bowed to Egan, but received only a scowl in return.

"Bertsche then went to the Delaware building, where he visited his attorney, James Brady. Later he returned to the street and met Nathan Spira, the convicted firebug.

"It was only a chance meeting and they talked for a few minutes about Spira's case, which had been disposed of by the Supreme Court. After leaving Spira Bertsche says he walked up Randolph street and when in front of King Joy Lo restaurant met Monaghan and Egan.

"Egan, as soon as he saw me began to curse and said I ought to be in the pen," said Bertsche. "Then we clinched."

"Bertsche then told me how he and Egan clinched. Up to this time neither of the detectives had indicated for what purpose they had intercepted their man. They made no attempt whatever to 'frisk' him for his revolver.

"As soon as the fight between Bertsche and Egan was on, Monaghan, either through cowardice or to get a better shooting position, ran into the street. I do not accuse Monaghan of running away, as it